

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Approval of March 1, 2018 Minutes**

- A. Approved

**III. Treasurer's Report**

- A. \$13,434 current balance announced by Danilo Bach

**IV. Announcements from the Board**

- A. approval of R1 zoning ordinance
- B. \$200 to SaMoHi grad night
- C. Endorsed signature gathering campaign for term limits
- D. Danilo filling in for Nancy Coleman as she is away on vacation
- E. Monday night is the landmark's commission meeting. the board is recommending 435 Georgina single family home for landmark status. Call to action - check landmark's commission website and write them a letter.
  - 1. Owners (Dr. Stein) of the home do not seem to oppose landmark status. Realtors have been open to it.
  - 2. Specimen Montezuma Cyprus tree found on property recently.

**V. Crime and Safety Communications with the Neighborhood**

- A. Public Safety Communications Supervisors and 911 Dispatchers Meagan Nagy and Shannon Castlecorn; and SM Emergency Management Chief Resilience Officer Lindsay Barker
  - 1. 3.5yrs ago consolidated police & fire dispatch into a single 911 resource. OEM is the hub for these calls.
    - a) Last year (2017) 350,000 calls processed & 76,000 were to 911
    - b) Representatives send help while asking pertinent questions of caller
    - c) Text to 911 now active. Launched December 2017.
      - (1) Simply text to 911 and provide an address
      - (2) Phone calls are preferred
  - 2. When calling 911 from a cell phone, ask if you have been connected with Santa Monica
    - a) Land line calls do not require this step
  - 3. OEM requests
    - a) Only call for true emergencies (e.g. not if there is a helicopter overhead)
      - (1) There is a helicopter complaint line. Goes to SM airport. Google it.
    - b) Be willing to answer the OEM operator's questions

4. How are calls prioritized?
  - a) Life over property
  - b) Time sensitivity: happening v. happened hours ago
5. What warrants a police response?
  - a) All reports warrant a police response or community service officer. Time before response varies.
6. Bird Scooter Complaints - [General anger expressed toward Bird scooters]
  - a) If obstructing public right of way, the scooter can potentially be impounded
  - b) Reckless driving - may send someone. Not wearing a helmet - will not send someone.
7. **Emergency Communications / Notifications** (Flyer with full details present at meeting)
  - a) Social Media: SM Twitter, Facebook, Nextdoor
    - (1) typically on twitter and Facebook
  - b) SM Alerts
    - (1) Public receives via email or text message
    - (2) Only send for significant event which warrants public action (e.g. traffic accident, PD/FD activity)
  - c) WEA
    - (1) Federal program which LA county has not historically participated in. Similar to “Amber Alerts” which are typically received by phone. (e.g. alerts sent for recent fires)
    - (2) Major events only
    - (3) Diagram on flyer provides guide on setup
  - d) In large scale emergencies (e.g. earthquake), build redundancies in communication streams by signing up for multiple services.

**B. Santa Monica PD - Beat 4 Crime Prevention Coordinator Suzie Lockwood**

**C. NOMA Crime and Safety Update - Officer Capri Redondo and SMPD Operations Division Captain Robert Almada**

1. Captain Almada
  - a) At prior meeting, he discussed Montana jewelry store robbery and crashing into a home. Subject escaped. He promised a follow up, which follows:
    - (1) On Feb 28 @ 1605 Montana jewelry store. Perp used props to convince clerk of fake bomb. Store clerk fled while screaming - the police are informed. Later, police are informed of a car crash. At the time they had not yet tied these events to one person.
    - (2) Separate reports from store clerk and traffic accident indicate the perp was involved in both incidents. Makeshift “bomb” was found. Perimeter from Georgina -> SV & 15th -> 16th streets.

- (3) Report received of subject jumping suburban fences. Dropped backpack in a back yard. Makeshift bomb identified as fake.
- (4) Confirmed report of similar action by perp in Newport Beach
  - (a) Drug addict
  - (b) Now on the lamb
- b) What is the SMPD bomb response protocol?
  - (1) Generally from LAPD in downtown LA or in the SF Valley
    - (a) This delayed response did not compromise the end result
      - i) if anything, the small perimeter compromised the end result
- c) Why didn't officer chase the suspect through backyards at the time of the report?
  - (1) Risk is too high. It is unsafe for the officer
- d) How did the perp evade detection? [Gratitude towards SMPD expressed]
  - (1) He was likely outside of the small perimeter
  - (2) City is well staffed for canines. They are not bloodhounds, so they do not track by smell.
- e) Officers pulled a gun on a citizen and gave ambiguous instruction
  - (1) Consistency in officer instruction is important to PD
- f) What would the charges be if the perp were caught?
  - (1) 30 years for robbing a store with a fake bomb [surprise, satisfaction expressed]
- g) How many felonies per year in SM? Conviction rate?
  - (1) 130,000 radio calls
  - (2) 8,000 arrests
  - (3) 3,500 are felonies
- h) \$90M SMPD annual budget, rounded figure
  - (1) 25-30 officers in the field at any given time
  - (2) Plus uniformed civilian officers
  - (3) Recent rise in crime is regional - greater than SM
- i) Will police share all information with the public
  - (1) No
  - (2) If there is an impact to public safety, yes
- j) 8-28-2016 Adelaide shooting [displeasure at initial handling expressed]
  - (1) Party the night before. Initial thought was that someone came back from this party and committed shooting.
  - (2) Shooting was unrelated to the party. It was a home invasion.
  - (3) Suspect is in custody. Case is resolved. Court process remains.
  - (4) If it occurred today:
    - (a) Information would be distributed during the investigation
- k) Burglary v. Robbery
  - (1) Burglary is theft with no personal interaction

- (2) Robbery involves personal interaction
  - l) How to avoid home burgled
    - (a) house well lit, maintained, & make it look like someone lives there
    - (b) PD offers a security check free of charge
  - m) How to avoid cars burgled
    - (1) Lock car doors and do not leave valuable in plain sight
  - n) Bird Scooters - tickets issued v. trips taken [
    - (1) Ticket to trip ratio is low, ~2% of trips
    - (2) SMPD prioritizes officers to protect people and property
    - (3) Tickets issued to highlight egregious incidents
  - o) Graphic designer assaulted with kitchen knife in the night
    - (1) ~2 months ago, an apartment building next to SaMoHi, perp broke into apartment, demanded property of tenant at knifepoint, fight ensues, tenant is cut, perp losing the fight, perp flees, tenant beats perp badly and perp flees.
    - (2) Police followed significant blood trail in pursuit of perp. Perp boarded train towards LA and evaded police.
    - (3) Perp apprehended after requesting help at a hospital
  - p) Packages being stolen "Porch Pirates"
    - (1) Call if evidence found
  - q) Gang related: increase or decrease in school areas
    - (1) Currently in a lull
  - r) Captain's Contact Information
    - (1) [robert.almada@smgov.net](mailto:robert.almada@smgov.net)
    - (2) contact and he will respond
2. Capri Redondo
- a) March Crime Statistics North of Montana
    - (1) Residential Burglaries: 5 - all forced entry
      - (a) These homes did not have alarms or security cameras, 1 occurred in nighttime (600 block of 15th)
      - (b) Stressed importance of home alarms, setting a perimeter (i.e. doors & windows)
      - (c) How many alarmed homes are broken into? Effectiveness of metal screen doors?
        - i) Doors with small windows are preferred by criminals
        - ii) Double deadbolt prevents break-ins (key lock inside and out)
        - iii) Major streets less prone to this type of crime
      - (d) Knock knock burglaries
        - i) Multi person teams
      - (e) Last year in March, there 7
  - b) Personal security survey offered free of charge

- c) Contact information offered (physical business card provided)
  - (1) [capri.redondo@smgov.net](mailto:capri.redondo@smgov.net)
- 3. Police community outreach
  - a) Spring class going on now, another will be available in the fall
    - (1) Wednesday from 6-9PM
  - b) National night out, coffee with a cop
    - (1) Coffee with the chief will be offered in the future
      - (a) New police chief begins in May

## **VI. City of Santa Monica Compensation Study - Jim Williams**

- A. City council appointed a citizens advisory committee
  - 1. There was a sub-committee specific to city compensation
    - a) Jim Williams was involved in the comp & retirement plan. A consultant was also involved.
    - b) Cities of Anaheim, Glendale, Torrance, & others were selected for comparison
    - c) April 17th: final report from consultant will be provided to the city by the consultant.
    - d) Key Findings
      - (1) Average management compensation was highest in peer group
      - (2) Average individual non-mgmt compensation
        - (a) 40% were below peer cities, 60% were below
      - (3) Similar to peer cities, unfunded pension liability remains high (\$485M)
        - (a) City manager aware of and working on this issue
        - (b) Jim's Opinion: I question whether the majority of city council is really willing to deal with this
      - (4) During 2008, Santa Monica operated normally and did not reduce staffing. Peer cities reduced staffing in this time.
      - (5) Large staff numbers are suitable due to high tourist population (~100k/day)
      - (6) In general, SM has higher workload, higher cost, and comparable productivity to peers
    - e) What was the effort made in ascertaining performance of management group?
      - (1) Jim offered to discuss after meeting due to time constraints
  - 2. Future citizens group follow up will be required to ensure city council takes action on these findings
  - 3. Danilo "This is the beginning of the process"

## **VII. New Business Member**

- A. Phil
  - 1. Runs a grill cleaning service in Santa Monica
    - a) Full cleaning offering over 4 hours time
    - b) Increases life expectancy and looks better

- c) \$80-\$120 per grill
  - (1) Free quotes available
- 2. Contact information available on NOMA website

### **VIII. R1 Update - Interim Zoning Ordinance**

- A. 2-13 interim ordinance approved by city council. Extended until Nov 2019.
- B. Other R1 neighborhood groups expressed interest
- C. Old ordinance: 60% lot coverage
- D. Interim ordinance: 50% lot coverage on single story, height reduced from 32ft->28ft, ADU excluded from calculation
- E. Next steps: plenty of time to work on this. City will schedule outreach groups & architects to get input. Call to action -> attend these outreach meetings and make your voice heard

### **IX. Public Comment**

### **X. Next Meeting May 3, 2018**

[ ] = public sentiment

NOMA Board

Danilo Bach - Vice-Chair - Present

Phillis Dudick - Present

Jeff Brecht - Present

Jeff Gordon - Present

Caryn Marshall - Present

Jim Williams - present

Sonya Sultan - present

Steve Lissik - present